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AMBASSADOR STRAUSZ-HUPE FROM U.S. COMMISSIONER GENERAL

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J.WELLES HENDERSON

1. ACCOMPANIED BY MY STAFF AND EXPO CONSULTANT MR. EWEN DINGWALL, I CALLED ON CHARGE HERMAN DEHENNIN AT THE EMBASSY OF BELGIUM TODAY. WE HAD AN HOUR'S CONVERSATION AND MADE A SLIDE PRESENTATION OF EXPO '74. WE PRESENTED WHAT WE CONSIDERED TO BE A CONVINCING CASE FOR PARTICIPATION BY GOB AT SPOKANE. MOST OF THE DETAILS GIVEN IN REF. 210136 WERE BROUGHT TO THE CHARGE'S ATTENTION. HE HAD WITH HIM THREE AIDES REPRESENTING BOTH ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL INTERESTS OF THE EMBASSY. WE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS GOVERNMENT VISIT THE SITE.

2. THE CHARGE AT THE END OF THE CONVERSATION SAID THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF BELGIUM PARTICIPATION, THAT HIS AMBASSADOR WOULD BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL NOVEMBER 2 AND COULD IN A FEW DAYS BE CONTACTED C/O THE BELGIUM CONSUL GENERAL IN SAN FRANCISCO. HE THEN ADDED THAT, IN FACT, THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR WOULD BE IN SEATTLE ON OCTOBER 31 AND WAS SCHEDULED TO BE A GUEST AT LUNCH TIME OF THE BOEING COMPANY.

3. I SUGGESTED WE WOULD ARRANGE TO HAVE AN INVITATION FROM THE EXPO PRESIDENT KING COLE DELIVERED TO THE AMBASSADOR IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE WE VERY MUCH HOPED THE AMBASSADOR WOULD ACCEPT AS IT WOULD BE QUITE CONVENIENT TO HIM TO RETURN TO SAN FRANCICSO FROM SEATTLE VIA SPOKANE. MR. DINGWALL ASSURED ME THAT THE EXPO ORGANIZERS WOULD FOLLOW UP ON THIS INVITATION PROMPTLY. KISSINGER

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